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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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7 MLC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LLC,
8 Plaintiff,
9 v.
10 MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
11 Defendant.

Case No. [14-cv-03657-SI](#)

**ORDER RE: MICRON'S REQUEST
FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST MLC
AND RONALD EPSTEIN**

Re: Dkt. No. 399

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On April 4, 2019, Micron filed a letter requesting sanctions against MLC and its expert Ronald Epstein pursuant to, *inter alia*, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37. Dkt. No. 399.

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Micron's letter is procedurally improper. Civil Local Rule 37-4 provides that a motion for discovery sanctions under Rule 37 must be filed as a noticed motion and in accordance with Civil Local Rules 7-2 and 7-8. Further, this Court's standing order regarding discovery disputes requires that parties meet and confer in person prior to the filing of a discovery dispute. It is not clear from Micron's letter whether counsel met and conferred in person prior to the filing of the letter.

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Accordingly, the Court DENIES Micron's request for sanctions without prejudice to renewal as a noticed motion and only after counsel have engaged in an in-person meet and confer regarding all matters raised in the April 4, 2019 letter.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: April 8, 2019


SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge